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## TO-DAY'S CABLES.

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### EGYPTIAN DISTURBANCES.

AUTHORITIES TAKE VIGOROUS ACTION.

NO NEED FOR ALARM.

CAIRO, December 23.

The British military authorities have taken control of the situation here and it appears to be well in hand. Zaglul Pasha was taken to Suez in a motor car under escort. The authorities are acting very vigorously and are determined to suppress any possible trouble. Lord Allenby has issued a proclamation forbidding banks or persons holding money on behalf of Zaglul or the extreme Nationalist Association to make payments therefrom without Lord Allenby's written permission.

WARSHIPS TO THE RESCUE.

MALTA, December 23.

The warships "Ceres" and "Clematis" have been ordered to proceed to Egypt and will leave forthwith. Other warships have been ordered to leave at the shortest notice.

LATER.

The British warships "Ceres" and "Clematis" have sailed for Egypt.

DISTURBANCE "RELATIVELY UNIMPORTANT."

CAIRO, December 23.

Although there has been much wanton destruction the disturbances are relatively unimportant and the situation need not be regarded with anxiety. The town is bristling with police, as well as British and Egyptian troops who are localising the demonstrations. Aeroplanes demonstrated over the Delta.

LATER.

Six of Zaglul's supporters were arrested. Three refused to obey an order to return to their villages and three who have not yet replied were allowed a few hours in which to make up their minds. Two demonstrators were killed by gunshots. All is apparently quiet in the provinces.

TRAM SERVICE SUSPENDED.

LATER.

The trams have been suspended owing to mobs indulging in stonethrowing.

AFFAIR AT ALEXANDRIA.

ALEXANDRIA, December 26.

The Police dispersed 500 demonstrators in Central Square after some stonethrowing had taken place. There were no casualties.

### THE P. C. FIC TREATY.

STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT HARDING.

WASHINGTON, December 23.

President Harding has made another statement declaring that any differences in the interpretation of the Pacific treaty are unimportant and asserting that a pact which did not contemplate any alliance or entanglement was in full accord with American traditions. He would not object if the Senate considered it necessary to attach reservations to the treaty but he did not consider there was any need. He opined that it was inconceivable that any President could employ the country's military power to make war without the authority of the congress.

MR. BALFOUR DETAINED AT WASHINGTON.

LONDON, December 23.

Owing to the continuance of the Washington conference Mr. Balfour has abandoned his intention to sail homeward on December 31.

EUGENE DEBS PARDONED.

WASHINGTON, December 23.

President Harding has pardoned the socialist Eugene Debs.

MUCH INGENUITY FOR  
SMALL GAIN.

SIDELIGHT ON BOY  
PSYCHOLOGY.

Keung Fuk Wing is 17 years old, and is employed as a house-boy at No. 35, Robinson Road. His master deals with the Nam Hing Loong firm, and is in the habit of sending Keung there to buy "Three Castles" cigarettes, at 72 cents per tin of 50. Keung found that the same brand of cigarettes could be purchased elsewhere for 70 cents per tin. Being an ambitious youth with a mind for business, Keung did not see why he should not make the two cents instead of Nam Hing Loong's. Of course, it is a very paltry sum when one tin is concerned, but Keung knows that two and two makes four, and

when it comes to ten tins, why, it's a nice 20 cents for his pocket and what a lot he could do with the money. His master was prepared to pay 72 cents per tin, and Nam Hing Loong's is too big a firm to feel the loss of 20 cents profit, anyway. Thus Keung argued with himself and soothed his conscience. But the question is how to do it. His master is an exacting man, and in its on the production of a bill for every tin of cigarettes purchased. It is here that Keung's ambition led him away from the path of virtue. The money-making fever was on him, and he did not wait to think of consequences. He went to a chop carver and ordered a chop similar to the one used by Nam Hing Loong's. It cost him an outlay of 26 cents, but it would be worth while in the long run, so Keung paid 10 cents on deposit. Unfortunately for him, when the chop was completed, the carver put it along to Nam Hing

Loong's. The latter paid the balance for the chop and laid a trap for Keung. He fell into it when he went to the carver for the chop, and yesterday afternoon he found himself facing Magistrate Wood in the dock, charged with a serious offence. Copying Nam Hing Loong's chop with intent to defraud. He made a clean breast of it. He had bought some tins of cigarettes for 70 cents each. He had intended to make out a bill for them himself, and the chop was to have been used on the bill to make it appear that the goods had come from Nam Hing Loong's. He could not agree, however, that it was fraud, as he had no intention to defraud. "I did it because they charged two cents per tin more," he argued, but he did not say who was going to profit by his money-saving scheme. Probably he thought he was entitled to the money if he could save it. He will have to stand his trial at the next Criminal Sessions.

## THE DOLLAR.

To-day's closing rate 2/7 1/8.

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### THE SUBMARINE QUESTION.

BRITAIN'S LONELY FUTROW.

LORD LEE'S STATEMENT.

WASHINGTON, December 23.

Continuing the British case for the abolition of submarines Lord Lee contended that so far as submarines were concerned the American proposals were inconsistent with the objects of the conference since they permitted America to construct an additional 6,000 tons, Britain 9,500 tons, and Japan 21,800 tons, thus fostering this type of vessel which was more objectionable than surface craft. He declared that methods of location, detection and destruction of submarines had now proceeded further than submarines themselves. He controverted the argument that submarines were a cheap form of defence and declared they were cheap for the aggressor but not for the victim. He denied that Britain was inspired by selfish motives and pointed out that she had coastlines aggregating nearly as much as the other conference powers combined.

MR. HUGHES AND OTHERS REPLY.

LATER.

Mr. Hughes declared that Lord Lee's opening figures were inaccurate. America possessed 9,500 tons of submarines thus the adoption of his proposals would involve scrapping 5,000 tons. M. Sarraut, Signor Schanzer and Mr. Hamihara all disagreed regarding the submarines' lack of defensive virtues, simultaneously deploring their abusive use. Mr. Hughes was deeply impressed by Lord Lee's statement but he was not prepared to define the standpoint of the United States except to express detestation of the abuse of submarines. He pointed out that the advisory committee's report was in no wise official but was merely interpretative of American public opinion.

AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE.

WASHINGTON, December 23.

The Italian delegation suggested to the Naval Committee the convoking of an international gathering with a broader scope after the present conference in order to deal particularly with the question of submarines and auxiliary craft. A member of the delegation argued that a number of nations unrepresented at the present conference might at a comparatively small cost secure sufficient submarines to menace the security of the powers represented.

PROJECTED FRENCH AIR SERVICE.

LONDON TO MARSEILLES.

PARIS, December 23.

The Compagnie de Messageries Aeriennes will experiment next year with a direct air service between London and Marseilles. It is hoped that the line will work regularly in 1923 leaving London at eight in the morning and arriving in Marseilles at seven in the evening. The service will be run in connection with sailings for Egypt and the Far East and will consequently improve the Eastern mail and passenger services.

DUTCH EAST INDIES LOAN.

THE HAGUE, December 23.

The second chamber has passed the Bill authorizing the East Indies loan.

RELIEF FOR RUSSIANS

WASHINGTON, December 23.

President Harding has signed the Bill appropriating twenty million dollars for the Russian Famine Relief Fund.

RATHEAU RETURNS.

LONDON, December 23.

Her Ratheau has returned to Berlin.

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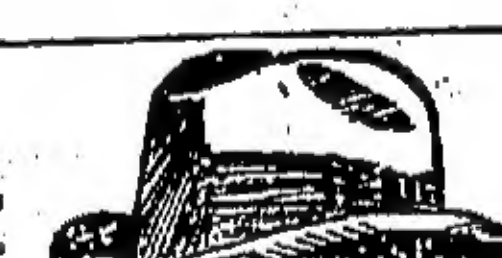
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## The China Mail.

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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, DEC. 24, 1921.

## ADVERSARIA.

DISCONNECTED THOUGHTS

Compliments of the Season, Sir? What can I do for you to-day? Anything I can show you? Aphorisms—like those you had before? Certainly, Sir. At least, there's a new conignment just in, of later patterns. Something with a touch of rhyme, Sir, for the cold evenings?

When into slums our landlords pack us, and sordid bosses seek to sack us, whom should we worship—Christ or Bacchus?

Pattern too loud, Sir? P'raps you are right. What about this one? The fact that no one will admit that I am the wisest man in Hongkong has a tendency to make me doubt it myself.

Here's one that goes with it. I could do you the pair, Sir, at a slight deduction if you took both.

There is probably a profound significance in the fact that we are pleased by the approval even of persons we despise.

Something with a little more distinction than that? I agree with you, Sir. Your taste is always correct, as I keep telling the Boss, Sir. Now here is a quiet little thing sure to suit you. I may tell you in confidence that he imported it specially for the Colonial Secretary, for use on the P. & O. Train.

My idea of humour is a description of a fashionable drawing-room, with a finely upholstered chair in it on which repose in solitary state a Pork Pie—on which no one sits. But owing to the disconcerting fact that the average man can't see the humour of it unless it is so emphasized, I am

obliged always to introduce a fat man and make him sit on it.

Not quite what you wanted, Sir? I am sorry. I'm afraid that our stock—oh, here's one I nearly overlooked. Perhaps you might care for this:

A literary critic between here and Colombo, resident, in fact, in the cantonment country, finds fault with the Muster, Anatole France, because he suggests that we are all rogues. I submit that equal fault could be found in Shakespeare, who indicates that all his characters had noses in the middle of their faces.

Not suit you, Sir? I am very sorry, but until the next batch arrives, that's all we have. Unless I can tempt you with this remnant.

In the Post last week there was a splendid letter about art—local art. The letter was both witty and wise, and the only fault I had to find with it was that it was not sent to the China Mail, where it would surely have seemed more at home. On Saturday, the Post had another reference to me, calling me a fly, a mosquito, and one other insect—I forget now—probably a flea. Also calling its own writer an elephant. That, however, was explained, was merely jolly preface to the writer's agreement with the letter I have mentioned. For that writer to agree with that letter reminds me irresistibly of the office-boy in an architect's office, who mentioned in conversation with his grandmother that in some respects he was able to approve the design of the Universe.

No use for remnants? Well, may I show you some other lines—some longer pieces?

I must not pretend to be surprised at the thoughtless misrepresentations of the Honorary Secretary of the Active Service Men's Association. To quote the phrase, "the worst elements in Hongkong," as it has been used by the China Mail, in reference to the meeting of ex-service

men last Sunday," is a serious misrepresentation. The readers of his letter who did not see or remember the China Mail note would conclude from that that we had, as Mr. Orlerton without grounds distinctly says we did, "cast a slur" on ex-service men as such. I have just read the note, and I say that no intelligent man who understands plain English could have read that into it. It made it very plain that in China Mail eyes "the worst elements in Hongkong" are those men who attack the freedom of the Press, who propose boycotts of newspapers whose criticisms do not please them, and who would answer the arguments of a newspaperman by hitting him, physically. This is what we meant. That is all we said. That we repeat and re-affirm. We believe them to be more socially dangerous than our armed robbers are.

Now let the Hon. Sec. of the A.S.M.A. complain that I have dubbed all active-service men armed robbers. It will be entirely in keeping with the silly letter we printed on Thursday for him.

Personally, I protest MY OWN against the bald PROTEST supposition with which his letter says that all those

British heroes fought and died for My safety. For anything he knows to the contrary I may have been a pro-German, in which case they were clearly against me. As a matter of fact they knew nothing about me, and cared less. Also as a matter of fact, my safety was never endangered. I see to that. All the Germans in the world could not conquer me! They could only kill me. If these heroes died to save my life, the end wasn't worth the means. It is nearly over, anyway. I do not value it so much. I have been rather hoping that they died for principles of liberty that are more dear to me—principles that are threatened by boycotts of opinion. I have even been told so. The world is not safe for democracy so long as violent men may silence opinions they do not like. Why, confound his insolence! Do you not see now—as I do—that this man who asserts that I have been verbally unkited to those dear, dead heroes of ours is himself guilty of treachery to them; in so far as he defends the rotter who proposed to boycott the offensive newspaper. Such proposals would frustrate their noble aim, and nullify their great sacrifices.

I do not want to swank as an "arm chair critic." ONE DELUSION. It is an honour Mr. Orlerton thrusts upon me. But I will allow for the sake of the argument that I am one of the intellectuals so disrespectfully epithetized by the vulgar. Very well. Let me assure him that it is an entirely gratuitous and erroneous assumption that "the soldier was necessary to the arm-chair critic's comfort and welfare."

He never was and never is that; but rather the contrary. Arm chair critics do their fighting with words. They had highly explosive ideas at each other. And (like the soldier of carnage) they seem to enjoy it. Any apparent bitterness is mostly simulated. I do not know what kind of a chair he sat in when he wrote that letter, but I do not think he sat on a box of ammunition. Such a letter would never have been written in the trenches, or in a dug-out. Fancy telling a newspaperman, by way of peroration, that where he cannot applaud his duty is to say nothing at all.

I do not know this gentleman, personally; but I advise him, in a spirit of pure kindness, to run away and play now.

I have a considerable number of MY POSITION friends among these active-service men whom I (or my paper—something) am alleged to have "churled." I am in it up to the neck. My advice was sought by some of them, and I advised the separate Association. What is good enough for Earl Haig is not good enough for me, and I have no faith in the Legion—not even in its benevolence. As the China Mail said, we are in hearty sympathy with the new Association, and what's more, we have the guts to mention that we wish it well chiefly because it is a protest against a challenge to the Legion. If you Association lads let it pass as a sort of subsidiary show, not inimical to the Legion, and indulgently tolerated by the Legion as a harmless and inconsiderable offshoot, you are trapped. I ought not to mention this, because it makes the whole controversy look rather like the cat having kittens in the doll's house, but if the China Mail, the best friend you ever had, is to be misunderstood and misused by your most impulsive and least intelligent members, it only serves you right to let the public have the full strength of the joke. The full joke is that there is a considerable body of real honest-to-goodness duck board heroes who are crying "Bah" to both Legion and Association. From my personal knowledge they are the brainiest of us who survived the Flanders hell. They do not address public meetings, nor go round brag-

ing, but they have ideas, which they talk over quietly amongst themselves, and with arm-chair tinklers whose discretion they trust. Me, for instance.

"We've been dining with the—s." "Oh! Really? And what are they like?"

"The sort of people who have peanuts instead of salted almonds."

Appeals have been made before to Peak ladies to be more considerate, and to avoid the trams that are needed by business men hurrying to lunch. It is now evident that it is no use appealing to them, and I that the Company itself should take action. Why not have all cars between 12-50 and 1-30 for "men only," and (say) cars back between 2 and 3-30 similarly reserved? The Company would not lose by it, and these business men would be spared a very real and unnecessary worry. It would be no hardship to the women, who could easily arrange to catch cars up to 12-30 as they would if there were none running after. Make it so. During those or similar periods let there be no cars for women.

Having now put my foot in it, and shown that I am a horrid brute with no proper feelings for the ladies, I may as well try to tickle my fellow brutes with an abominable story, which was told me this week by the man who says he likes beer because there are no bones in it.

An Aberdonian, feeling sure that his wife must be using too much soap, went up and knocked on the bathroom door. There was no answer, and no noise at all, so he burst open the door. Many a man would have lost his presence of mind on seeing so suddenly and unexpectedly what he saw. There lay his poor wife, dead. She had fainted in the bath, and drowned. Her husband rushed to the stairhead and called the general servant. When she answered, he said, "Mary! Only one egg will be required for breakfast this morning."

"Vector." "None ANSWERS TO BUT MYSELF IS PERMITTED TO SAY RUDE THINGS ABOUT LOCAL JOURNALISTS. You, as an outsider, must not butt in. Besides, you are quite wrong in disparaging that one. I consider him a most ladylike person, who would not for the world hurt any really well-connected fly."

"Oratory."—If your reference to his "breezy style" means that you think him a wind bag, I'll not disagree with you. I've often thought he would be useful in the drying department at the Laundry.

"Amicus."—Thanks for the cutting showing that a North China padre said the Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam is "rubbish." It is, as you say, only fair that if newspapers print sermons, they should present the other side. My editor agrees with you to this extent, that he no longer prints sermons because he does not want to print "the other side." For this reason you must excuse me for not saying what I think of this slur on Fitzgerald's poem. I am allowed a wide latitude, and I suspect "Church Notes" are published by my Chief as an antidote to my poisonous insinuations. See? Cheerio! DUCK BOARD.—(1) Sure. You've guessed it right in once. Our real objection to such "boycoths" is self-defensive. If we ignore a threat to boycott the opposition, our turn might come all the sooner. Boycott isn't English, anyway. (2) I am not saying all that I could say about this Legion business, not by lengthy chaffs. There's a reason. Drop in and I'll tell you—any Friday afternoon between 2.30 and 4.

A reader has taken the trouble to clip this story out of an American paper and sent it to me, so I give it *pour encourager les autres*, although I personally was not made wildly hilarious by it. But I'm not every body.

"A young woman in church sat directly behind a handsome young man, upon whose coat collar she detected a white raveling. Carefully raising her hand she gave it a quick pull, but it didn't break. Then she gave it another yank, whereupon the chap turned around and remarked that he was sorry, but she was unraveling his undershirt, and had better desist."

"I'm rather like the L'ESPRESSO aren't I? She says what she has to say, and turns away, and one hopes the row is over. Then she comes back with a fresh tirade about the same thing. I suppose the trouble with the amah and me to be the same thing, what the French call *staircase wit*. Going down stairs we think of something we might have said, and come back to say it. I was practically on the bottom step, you might say, when the right way to show these lads how their letter really looked occurred to me. That way would be to paraphrase

their own. The letter employs the phrase "mean and dirty." I should write a letter to the other papers, complaining that the use of such a phrase, with reference to journalistic criticism, casts a slur, not only on all the gentlemen of the Press here, but on all the great Pressmen who have died, Horace Greeley, W. T. Stead, et hoc.

Exactly on a parity, if you examine it. But not exactly as unfair. Because there is some doubt as to whom the phrase "mean and dirty" is to cover. It may have meant the author of the China Mail phrase that was objected to, which happened to be me, Hilaire Parchemin Adversarius. Or it might be taken to cover all the authors of all the objectionable remarks made in this controversy. Whereas my little article could leave no doubt in the mind of an intelligent reader as to whom I meant by "the worst elements in Hongkong society." I can only conclude that those members who persuaded Mr. Orlerton to write that letter are not intelligent.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Owing to the Xmas holidays there will be no further issue of the China Mail until Tuesday, at midday.

Ladies are requested to send in their names and addresses for free inclusion in the Dollar Directory.

Two Kowloon cemeteries are closed after this year ends.

The Govt. Gazette has a proclamation making the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank's increase of capital legally in order.

We are officially informed that the Hongkong Hide & Leather Co., Ltd., went to allotment yesterday and allotment letters will be sent out in course of a few days.

Mr. M. J. Breen is appointed administrator for the Peace with Hungary clearing office. Mr. Breen is also custodian of enemy property, vice Mr. J. D. Lloyd.

A Chinese shopkeeper of No. 163, Wing Lok Street reports that his accountant absconded yesterday with \$12,080 which was kept in the safe, the key of which was in his custody.

The parts of the Official Secrets Act 1920 that apply to Hongkong are quoted in the Gazette. Home news papers squealed about the "official document" clause, but we see nothing dangerous in it.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending December 10, 1921, amounted to 99,941 tons and the Sales during the period, to 77,489 tons.

Suffering from opium poisoning, alleged to have been self-administered, a salesman of the Sun Company, was yesterday removed to the Government Civil Hospital. His condition is not serious.

Motor car No. 524 collided with an empty ricksha on the Kowloon-Matukok Road yesterday afternoon smashing the vehicle beyond repairs and causing injuries to the coolie which necessitated his removal to the Kwong Wah Hospital for treatment.

The fire at Third Lane, Sheklong-chui yesterday gutted eight houses on both sides of the narrow alleyway. It originated in a glass blower's hut and spread to several godowns mostly used for storing blackwood, sandalwood and camphorwood, causing damage to the extent of \$93,000. The glass works suffered to the extent of \$2,000. A couple of two storeyed dwellings were slightly damaged before the firefighters extinguished the flames. Insurance is effected only to the extent of \$18,000.

From Command Orders issued yesterday regarding embarkation and disembarkation from the transport "Himalaya" it is learned that in view of the early arrival of the 2nd Bn. King's Liverpool Regt., the 2nd Bn. Wilts Regt. (less women and children) strength 20 officers 719 other ranks, will be placed under canvas on Murray Parade Ground. Murray Barracks Officers Mess, Premises, Sergeants Mess, Canteen and Cook Houses will be shared by the 2nd Bn. King's Regiment and the 2nd Bn. King's Liverpool Regiment under arrangements to be made between the two battalions. The 2nd Bn. King's Liverpool Regiment has a strength of 805 other ranks. This includes Company (estimated at 165) that will form the Liaison Guard at Peking.

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13.—Kam Cheung Fai, Diocesan Boys' School, Hongkong.

Hongkong Government Education Scholarship.  
4.—Albert George Prew, Diocesan Boys' School, Hongkong.

Hewitt Memorial Scholarship.  
3.—Noel Harry Prew, Diocesan Boys' School, Hongkong.

MATRICULATION HONOURS LIST.  
53.—Su Chiu Pao, Private Study.  
4.—Albert George Prew, Diocesan Boys' School.

37.—Francis Titch, St. Joseph's College.  
568.—Leong Lan Oye, St. Xavier's Institute, Penang.

MATRICULATION PASS LIST.  
(Centre:—Hongkong).  
1.—Harold Hunt, Diocesan Boys' School.

2.—William Hunt, Diocesan Boys' School.  
3.—Noel Harry Prew, Diocesan Boys' School.

5.—Ong He Kong, Diocesan Boys' School.  
7.—Dinarte F. Lopes, Diocesan Boys' School.

8.—Allston Gourdin, Diocesan Boys' School.  
9.—Henry Kew, Diocesan Boys' School.

11.—Wong Ching Yau, Diocesan Boys' School.  
12.—Landolt Harry, Diocesan Boys' School.

13.—Kam Cheung Fai, Diocesan Boys' School.  
14.—George Samuel Zimmern, Diocesan Boys' School.

15.—Herbert Clayson, Diocesan Boys' School.  
17.—Arthur E. Perry, Diocesan Boys' School.

20.—Ernest Joseph Spradbery, Queen's College.  
22.—Wong Hong Kwok, Queen's College.

23.—Pun Shiu Pang, Queen's College.  
24.—Leung Cheung Ling, Queen's College.

33.—Jose Nolasco da Silva, St. Joseph's College.  
34.—Chan Hin Kwok, St. Joseph's College.

35.—Stephen Conception, St. Joseph's College.  
36.—Hugh Bragu, St. Joseph's College.

39.—Antoine Nguyen-van Nguyen, St. Joseph's College.  
42.—Carlos Maria de Silva, St. Joseph's College.

43.—Philippe Iran Ba-Huy, St. Joseph's College.  
44.—Senzo Hachiuma, St. Joseph's College.

45.—Francis Woo Chok Heng, St. Joseph's College.  
49.—Andrew Robert Kinross, Kowloon British School.

51.—Tseng Tit Sang, St. Stephen's College.  
52.—Liang Lin Ke, St. Stephen's College.

54.—Chiao Sin Ying, Private Study.  
57.—Kwok Chan, Private Study.

58.—Wan Ye Po, Private Study.  
60.—Wong Man Kwong, Ying Wah College.

62.—Hon Lan Fung, St. Paul's College.  
63.—Tang Tze Nam, St. Paul's College.

65.—Wong Ping Lu, St. Paul's College.  
70.—Wong Lai Ching, St. Paul's College.

71.—Lui Pak Him, St. Stephen's College.  
72.—Wan Wai Choi, St. Stephen's College.

73.—Pun Yuk Wah, St. Stephen's College.  
74.—Chan Ki Yuen, St. Stephen's College.

75.—Chan Shu Chung, St. Stephen's College.  
78.—Woo Hau Sin, St. Stephen's College.

79.—Ma Wai Man, St. Stephen's College.  
80.—Young Wan Hing, Private Study.

82.—Lai Po Chuen (Girl), Italian Convent.  
MATRICULATION PASS LIST.

(Centre:—Penang).  
566.—Cheah Gyn Kool, St. Xavier's Institute.

567.—Choo Siew Bang, St. Xavier's Institute.  
569.—Cheah Kok Ian, Free School.

570.—Teoh Boh Lye, Free School.  
The following Candidate is referred in English:—

83.—Tseng Ting Chien, Pekin Girls' Normal.

## SPECIAL CABLE.

## NEW SUGAR REFINERY. PLANNED FOR WOOSUNG.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, December 24.  
Mr. M. Y. San is planning a sugar refinery for Woosung with a capital of ten million dollars. The China National Sugar Refinery Company is electing Mr. San as managing director of the new concern.

The following candidate having previously matriculated is now qualified to enter the Medical Faculty:—  
Douglas Laiog.

SENIOR LOCAL EXAMINATION, (Hongkong Boys).  
No.

6.—Mooney, George, Diocesan Boys' School.  
16.—Kwan Fat, Diocesan Boys' School.

18.—Wong Chi Tung, Queen's College.  
30.—Ribeiro, Antao, St. Joseph's College.

40.—Alves, Jose Maria Machado, St. Joseph's College.  
41.—Barros, Henrique Alberto, St. Joseph's College.

66.—U Wing Chan, St. Paul's College.  
67.—Mark Kei Shun, St. Paul's College.

68.—Hui Cheung Kwan, St. Paul's College.  
76.—Yue Cho Chiu, St. Stephen's College.

546.—Zimmern, Andrew, Private Study.  
85.—Hui, Peter Kachiu, St. Joseph's College.

86.—Au Sing Im, St. Joseph's College.  
87.—Kwong, Harry, St. Joseph's College.

88.—de Silva, Henrique, St. Joseph's College.  
89.—Ogilvie, Donald, Kowloon British School.

90.—Collett, John Arthur, Kowloon British School.  
99.—But Chit, Ying Wah College.

SENIOR LOCAL EXAMINATION, (Hongkong Girls).  
Honours.

104.—Hamilton, Florence, French Convent.  
105.—Rossetti, Emilia, French Convent.

114.—Chenallay, Ivy Adeline, Belilios Public School.  
121.—Rumjahn, Ruby, Italian Convent.

132.—Robinson, Winifred, Diocesan Girls' School.  
137.—Ng Sui Wa, St. Stephen's Girls' College.

Pass List.  
103.—Young, Ruby Violet, French Convent.

106.—Scares, Edith Maria, French Convent.  
107.—Remedios, Adeline (Dist. English), French Convent.

108.—Edith Amy, French Convent.  
109.—Gutierrez, Julia, Belilios Public School.

110.—Gutierrez, Alice Maria, Belilios Public School.  
111.—Mooney, Greta Irene, Belilios Public School.

112.—Osmund Elaine, Belilios Public School.  
115.—Wei Kam Lun, Belilios Public School.

116.—Lau Shuk Ying (Dist. Arithmetic, Needlework), Belilios Public School.  
117.—Santos, Beatrice Eva (Dist. Needlework), Belilios Public School.

118.—Wong Kwai Fong, Belilios Public School.  
119.—Rosario, Mercedes, Belilios Public School.

120.—Ismail, Agnes Hannah (Dist. English) Italian Convent.  
123.—Gill, Agnes, Italian Convent.

124.—Remedios, Idalina, Italian Convent.  
125.—Elrod, Juliette, Italian Convent.

126.—Ju Syn Wong, Elizabeth, Diocesan Girls' School.  
127.—Doodha, Minnie Catherine, Diocesan Girls' School.

128.—In Chan Wong, Julia, Diocesan Girls' School.  
129.—De Souza, Aurea Christine, Diocesan Girls' School.

130.—Remedios, Ermina Faustina, Diocesan Girls' School.  
131.—Lee, Grace, Diocesan Girls' School.

133.—Davidson, Elizabeth, Kowloon British School.  
134.—Dunn, Frances Evelyn, Kowloon British School.

135.—B. H. Elan Robson, Kowloon British School.  
139.—Tso Shuk Kei (Dist. Biblical Knowledge), St. Stephen's Girls' School.

139.—Chan, Ying (Dist. Biblical Knowledge), St. Stephen's Girls' School.



## SPORT.

## GOLF.

## R.H.K.G.C. COMPETITIONS.

Following is the result of the drawing for the Captain's Cup and Junior Championship competitions of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club:

## CAPTAIN'S CUP.

1st Round.—F. Bevington (8) v. R. K. Valentine (8); H. Scott (9) v. E. J. R. Mitchell (2); F. Pierce Grove (12) v. J. Hooper (8); M. Glover (10) v. A. E. Crapnell (6).

2nd Round (Byes in first round).—A. E. Ashton (10) v. A. B. Stewart (1); C. Bulmer Johnson (6) v. A. Leach (11).

Match play, 18 holes, Old Course, Fanning. 1st and 2nd rounds to be played by January 9, semi-final by January 23, and final by February 6.

## JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

1st Round.—R. R. Turner v. C. C. Stark; W. C. Shiner v. Capt. C. Curdon; C. F. Maltby v. D. W. Larkins; C. B. Robertson v. J. G. Lyon Brown; C. Forsyth v. Capt. G. D. Meredith; H. C. Eales v. A. D. Humphreys; J. A. Douglas Hamilton v. H. I. Wheeler; Lt. Col. Clement Smith v. G. M. Harston; G. M. Dodwell v. R. M. Henderson; C. V. Mark v. E. Grimble; J. W. Planks v. S. Agassiz.

2nd Round (Byes in first round).—M. H. Turner v. H. Hancock; Captain G. Murphy v. J. A. Urquhart; S. H. Church v. H. W. Kent; Captain H. A. M. Tomory v. R. Appel; A. E. Ashton v. F. Taylor; C. D. Lambert v. E. W. H. Carpenter; A. B. Raworth v. A. D. L. Gompertz; K. W. Bean v. J. C. Fletcher; E. H. O'Farrell v. A. Leach; F. A. Wells v. Viscount Acheson; E. L. Rhodes v. H. J. Koch; B. D. Evans v. H. MacTavish; J. Rodger, Jr. v. Capt. H. E. Murray; S. H. Dutton (bye); R. Neville v. J. Johnston; L. S. Greenhill v. D. G. Nicol; T. A. Cox v. H. Morrison; H. Scott v. C. W. Sowell; L. Nelson v. A. Henderson; F. W. E. Vining v. P. J. Falconer; J. S. Gardiner v. D. J. Valentine; H. P. Winslow v. D. J. Cuthill; J. M. Walker v. Major J. R. Lloyd; J. Owen Hughes v. C. E. Sandstrom; F. R. J. Adams v. R. S. Barry; H. A. Lammer v. G. H. Wilson; Capt. M. Glover v. H. E. Smith.

The 1st and 2nd rounds are to be completed by January 9; 3rd round by January 23; 4th round by January 31; 5th round by February 6; semi final by February 13.

Match play 18 holes (no Handicap). Players to arrange their own times within the above limits.

The above dates will be strictly adhered to, and unless the first named competitor in a match can show that he is not responsible for his match not being decided in time, his name will be struck out.

Matches other than in the semi-finals and final, may be played on either the Old or New Course by mutual agreement. Should competitors be unable to arrive at an agreement the match must be played on the Old Course. The semi-finals and final rounds must be played on the Old Course.

## INTERPORT GOLF.

## CAPT. DEWAR COMING ALSO.

We are advised that the name of Capt. Dewar was inadvertently omitted from the Shanghai Interport Golf team in the copy of the telegram received from the Secretary of the Shanghai Golf Club, which had been sent in to us by Mr. J. B. Ross, Hon. Secretary of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club. The Shanghai team consists of Messrs Dewar, Barrett, Cumming, Farrier, Peebles and Roberts.

## FOOTBALL.

## LEAGUE TABLE.

## 2ND DIVISION.

The following table shows the result of the 2nd Division League up to and including December 17th:

Goals.	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.TS.
Wills	7	6	0	1	28	5	12
South China	8	5	2	1	15	7	12
"A"	7	5	1	1	17	4	11
University	8	4	2	2	20	10	11
R.G.A.	8	4	2	2	20	10	11
South China	8	5	0	3	9	19	10
"B"	6	4	0	2	19	10	8
U.A.C.	7	3	1	3	17	9	7
St. Joseph's	7	2	1	4	17	5	5
Club	9	1	2	6	17	4	4
Punjabis	9	1	1	7	27	3	3
Kowloon	8	0	2	6	2	18	2

## WHOOPIING COUGH

WHEN your child has whooping cough, be careful to keep the cough low and expectoration easy by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, as may be required. This remedy will also relieve the tough mucus and make it easier to expectorate. It has been used successfully in many epidemics and is contained in the narrowest of tubes. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

## "CINDERELLA"

## A PRETTY OPERETTA.

An operetta entitled "Cinderella," composed by Mr. Frank Booth, was successfully produced before a large and appreciative audience by the children of Quarry Bay, at the Tak-koo Club last night, in aid of various charities. The acting of the children was splendid, and these two outstanding features of the production, coupled with the beautiful scenes and pretty costumes, made the play an unqualified success. That those present enjoyed it was shown by the frequent applause which the children received.

The operetta, of course, was based on the well-known fairy tale of Cinderella and the Glass Slipper, and the children, about forty-five in number, some of them very small—enjoyed the acting as much as the grown-ups and other children did in watching them. The conduct of the children on the stage was excellent, there was not the slightest sign of the stage fright which is so often found in the young performers, and the result reflected much credit on Mrs. Mitchell, who must have expended much time and patience in coaching the youngsters to bring them up to such a high standard of perfection.

The children taking part were as follows:

Characters: Prince, Beatrice Hardwick; Singor Romero, Isa Bell; Cinderella and Miranda Cinderella's Step Sisters, Bertie Bell and Alistair Ferguson; Head Cook, Willis Gardner; William, Meg, Thomas, Fean, Robert, (Cooks), Willie Polley, Bessie McCubbin; Keith Boulton; Lillian Nicol; John McCubbin; Page, Tom Swan; Baroness, (Wife of Signor Romero), Jack Gardner; Beewing, Gossamer (Fairies), Ina Morrison and May Morrison; Cinderella, Mammie Wallace.

Fairies: Jenny Whyte, Cissie Polley, Cathie Ferguson; Ina Simpson, Bessie Nicol, Betty Leing, Elsie Simpson, Lily Simpson, Mollie Reid, Cathie Weir, Maggie Dunlevy, Ellen Stewart, Edith Boulton, Gladys Johnston, Helen Russell, Agnes Barker, Isobel Holland, Violet Bateman, Lily Bateman, Jean Stewart, Annie Stewart, Marjorie Stainfield, Gracie Swan, Jean Smith.

Elves: James Barker, Alistair Holland, Frank Bird, Kenneth Bateman, John McLeod, Alex. McCubbin. Mrs. R. James capably acted as accompanist.

## CHURCH NOTICES.

A CHARGE OF ONE DOLLAR IS MADE FOR ALL NOTICES UNDER THIS HEADING.

St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, 25th December, 1921, Christmas Day, Holy Communion (8.45 & 7.45 a.m.) Matins (11 a.m.) Processional Hymn: No. 4. Responses: Ferid. Verse: No. 2. Gloria: Psalms: 19, 106, 136, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

West-yan Naval and Garrison Church, Queen's Road (opposite Royal Naval Hospital), Wanchai—Sunday, 25 Dec. 1921, Christmas Service and Church Parade, 10.15 a.m. Subject: "Christ the King." Short Service, 6 p.m. Subject: "The King's Birthday." Christmas carols will be sung. Church Parade for 1st Wanchai Girl Guides at 10.15 a.m. Wesleyan Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, Sunday, 8 p.m., Chaplain's Meeting. Social Hour and Supper, Monday, 8 p.m. Social Evening, Music Games and Supper, Saturday, 8 p.m. Concert and Games, A Watch Night Service will be held in the Church on Saturday at 11 p.m.

St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon—Xmas Services: 8.15 a.m. Holy Communion, 11 a.m. Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, 8 p.m. Evening Prayer and Holy Communion.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, MacDonnell Road.

Sunday, 11.15 a.m.  
Wednesday, 5.45 p.m.

## UNNECESSARY WORDS.

WHY waste words and advertising space in describing the many points of merit in Chamberlain's Cough Remedy? The most fastidious are satisfied when we state that it cures coughs and cures from any cause, and that it contains absolutely no narcotics or injurious substances. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

## SUMMARY OF AUCTIONS.

## TO-MORROW'S SALES.

Hughes and Hough:—Fancy biscuits, at Sales Rooms, 12 noon.

## FORTHCOMING SALES.

December 28.—Hughes and Hough: Furniture, carpets, crockery etc., Sales Rooms 12.30 p.m. Crown Land, at P.W.D. Offices, 3 p.m.

December 30.—Lammert Bros: Household furniture, at Prat Buildings, Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.

January 6.—Hughes and Hough: Government stores (Gunmetal, old brass and steel etc.), R.A.O.S. Depot, Queen's Road East, 10 a.m.

All Fire and Marine Insurance Offices will be closed for the transaction of public business on Monday and Tuesday, December 26 and 27.

Chief Prevent Officer Watt yesterday searched a cargo-boat in Yau-mat Bay and seized 1,800 lbs of raw non-Government opium, one revolver and 420 rounds of ammunition. The mistress was arrested and produced before Magistrate Wood this morning. Mr. A. E. Hall appeared for the defence and asked for a remand and the case was fixed for Wednesday for hearing. No bail was given.

A chorus of police whistle caused great excitement in the vicinity of the China Mail office soon after 11 o'clock this morning. On investigation, it was discovered that a chimney fire in a Chinese dwelling in Lan-kwai-fo, off Wellington Street, was the cause of the excitement. An engine from the fire station arrived in good time, and the fire was extinguished after five minutes' work with a couple of hoses. Little damage was done.

## LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

## ARRIVALS.

Hydrangea, (Chin On S.S. Co.) from Swatow.—Wharf.

Mattawa, (C.P.S. Ltd.) from Hongkong.—R.49.

Haimun, (Po Shun S.S. Co.) from Haiphong, Ho-how.—C.39.

Foohing, (J.M. & Co.) from Bangkok, Swatow.—C.38.

Fook Sang, (J. M. & Co.) from Calcutta, Singapore.—Wharf.

Kaiping, (Dodwell & Co.) from Canton.—A.5.

Taito Maru, (N.Y.K.) from Canton.—C.41.

Kwangtiah, (C. M. S. N. Co.) from Shanghai.—Wharf.

Nam Wah, (Sek Hing) from Kwong Chow Wan, Macao.—Wharf.

Clearance.

Katuna, (Bank Line) for Singapore, New York.—Dec. 24.

Gregory Apear, (B. I. S. N. Co.) for Amoy, Kobe.—Dec. 24.

Kwangtiah, (C. M. S. N. Co.) for Canton.—Dec. 24th.

Sumatra, (A.P.C.) for Swatow, Tamsui.—Dec. 24.

Taito Maru, (N.Y.K.) for Shanghai.—Dec. 24.

Linan, (B. & S.) for Swatow, Singapore.

Poo Lee, (Hung Shen) for, Kwong Chow Wan.—December 24.

Kwangtung, (B. & S.) for Swatow, Singapore.—December 25.

Kaijo Maru, (O. S. K.) for Swatow, Keelung.—December 25.

All departments of Messrs. A. S. Watson and Coy., Ltd., will be closed for business on Monday and Tuesday, December 26 and 27, except the Hongkong Dispensary dispensing department, which will be open from 10 a.m., to 1 p.m., and 6 p.m., to 7.30 p.m., on Tuesday. The Aerated Water Depot will be open from 9 a.m. to 1.00 on that day.

## TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

## A. S. WATSON &amp; CO., LIMITED.

## NOTICE.

ON MONDAY and TUESDAY next, the 26th and 27th instant, all Departments will be closed for business, except as below:—

The Hongkong Dispensary, Dispensing Department will open for dispensing prescriptions from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. On TUESDAY, the 27th instant, The Aerated Water Depot will be open for business from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.  
Hongkong, December 23, 1921.

## INSURANCE OFFICES.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all FIRE & MARINE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the transaction of Public Business on MONDAY AND TUESDAY, the 26th and 27th inst.

By Order,  
LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS,  
Secretaries.

FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

MARINE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG & CANTON.

Hongkong, December 23, 1921.

## TO SECRETARIES OF CLUBS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

ALL preliminary notices of forthcoming meetings, lectures and entertainments, sent for insertion in the news columns of the China Mail, are charged for at the rate of \$1 each, (as announced in May and June of last year) providing that they do not occupy more than four lines. In future if this space is exceeded they will be placed in the advertising columns at the prevailing rates.

## HONGKONG AMUSEMENTS.

## HOLIDAY TIME TABLE

## THE CORONET

## LAST OF THE MOHICANS

December 25, at 6 & 9.15

Dec. 26, 27 & 28, at 2.30 & 7.15

## LOUISE GLAUM

## IN

## THE LEOPARD WOMAN

Dec. 26, 27 & 28, at 5.15 & 9.15

Dec. 29, at 2.30, 5.15 & 9.15

## NAZIMOVA

## IN

## THE BRAT

Dec. 31, 31, at 2.30, 5.15 & 9.15

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Till you are fast asleep, my dear,  
So don't be late that night!

I send good wishes to you all,  
Dear boys and girls, both big and small.

PETER PAN.

## MARY AND THE MISCHIEF-MAKER.

## A CHRISTMAS FAIRY PLAY.

## CHARACTERS.

Mary.  
Her Mother.  
The Spirit of Mischief.  
Father Christmas.  
The Stocking Fairies.  
The Sunshine Fairy.  
Fly-By-Night.

## SCENE I.

Xmas Eve. Drawing room in Mary's house. Mary sitting at a writing-desk, writing very carefully with her tongue in her cheek. Her mother sitting sewing.

Mother.—Haven't you finished your letter dear? It is nearly bedtime.

Mary.—Yes Mother it is just done. How do you spell basket please? Is it "basket" or "baskit"?

Mother.—"B-a-s-k-e-t."

Mary.—(Writing it down) "Thank you Mother. (Reading to herself.) "Your loving Mary." Hurrah! Now it's done. (Gets up with her letter and sits down on the floor by her mother.)

"Shall I read it Mother?"

Mother.—"Yes, Mary, I should like to hear it."

Mary.—"Dear Father Christmas, Please this year I should like a baby doll that shuts its eyes and says, "Mamma" and "Papa", some gardening tools and mustard and cress seeds, a battledore and shuttlecock, a skipping rope, some doll's hats (with feathers if you have got them) lots of books and a work-basket. Thank you very much for them. Your loving Mary."

Mother.—(Smiling) You want a good many things Mary and I see you, thank Father Christmas for them already, but supposing he does not bring you all that you want?

Mary.—(Surprised) "But of course he will bring them Mother or what would be the good of my writing to him. And you say too what a kind old man he is."

Mother.—"Yes, that's true. But don't be surprised if he leaves out something. He may be too busy to remember all those things. But now, (getting up) it is bed-time, so put your letter by the fireplace and come along."

(While her mother is putting away her sewing Mary kneels down by the fire and places the letter just inside the fender.)

Mary.—(anxiously, turning round). "Are you sure Mother that this is the right place? I somehow thought it at Father Christmas only came down bedroom chimneys and it would be dreadful if he didn't find it."

Mother.—(Re-assuringly) "It is quite all right dear. He knows that people always write letters downstairs and so he is sure to look for the letter in the drawing room and dining room chimneys." (She leaves the room and Mary with one last look at the letter, follows her.)

Enter the Spirit of Mischief, dressed in black. He dances about the room, looking into everything and at last sees the letter lying on the hearth. He picks it up, opens and reads it.

Spirit of Mischief.—(laughing to himself) "This is a find! Here is a letter written to Father Christmas about some presents that a little girl wants and if I hide it he will give her all the wrong things. What fun! What fun!"

(He chuckles to himself in an impish fashion, tucks the letter into a pocket in his coat. Then, catching sight of himself in a big glass he dances away, making faces, pointing his finger and laughing out loud.)

The curtain falls while he is dancing.

## End of Scene I.

## SCENE II.

A bedroom. Mary fast asleep. Her stocking is hung up on the end of the bed. There is a faint light coming through the open door.

Sledge bells are heard in the distance and Father Christmas appears down the chimney with his bag on his shoulder. Four Stocking Fairies follow him. They are dressed in brown and white, with smuglers' caps and all carry bundles of flags.

Father Christmas.—(putting down his bag and beating his hands against each other in their thick gloves)

"Ugh! how chilly it is! I don't think I ever remember a colder Christmas and there is enough snow this year to please everybody. It's a real picture-book Christmas, snow and holly and icicles as long as my beard."

(He smiles genially at the Stocking Fairies)

"What about a dance my sprightly little men, to warm us up a bit?"

The Stocking Fairies.—(In high piping voices)

"Yes Daddy Christmas. Do let us dance." (They join hands round Father Christmas and while he smiles first at one and then at another, they skip round and sing.)

"We are the Stocking Fairies and we live with Santa Claus, At Christmas time we're always out We never are indoors.

He takes us on his sledge you know, A riding all around, The children never hear us for we hardly make a sound.

We help dear Father Christmas and then fill the stockings too And stick a flag in every one Oh yes, we've lots to do.

We are the Stocking Fairies and We dance and sing and play, Each Christmas Eve is jolly and We all love Christmas Day!"

(The Fairies stop dancing and taking snowballs out of their pockets, pelt each other, while Father Christmas sits and

watches them. After a minute or two he gets up.)

Father Christmas.—"But now to work, little people. Let me see, (taking a book out of his big pocket and turning over the pages rapidly until he comes to a name) this is Mary's house. I can't understand how it is that I have not had a letter saying what she wants or that she has not even called up the chimney to me. I think, Stocking Fairies, that you had better have one more look by the dining room and drawing room chimneys. Be as quick as you can and if any of you find a letter you shall all have big sugar plums."

The Stocking Fairies.—"All right, Father Christmas, we will hunt for it. (They run out of the door. Father Christmas sits down and turns over the pages of the book)

Father Christmas.—(Reading out of the book and talking to himself.) "A large stocking horse for Alan—a piebald one—like I saw at the circus please. Dear me I do hope that the black spots will be dry in time."

So many boys want rocking horses this year that it has really been a rush to get them all painted up in time and if the paint comes off I shall get into such trouble with the mothers and nurses and nannies. (Reading from the book again.)

Four million billion trillion dolls with golden hair and blue eyes. . . . What I am to do with all the brown haired dolls I don't know! There won't be room to turn round in Toyland until next Christmas. I over, (cheerily) I expect that I can find a corner for my bed and have a good rest till next year.

(Yawning and stretching) Fancy a whole year's sleep. It does sound good. I am afraid I am getting a very old man. I wonder if I had better give up work soon?"

Children's voices from the back.—"No no no, dear Father Christmas. We couldn't possibly do without you."

Father Christmas.—(Looking very pleased) "That is very nice of you dear children. You have made me feel years younger!"

(He gets up and at that minute the Stocking Fairies come back.)

The Stocking Fairies.—"We have looked everywhere but we couldn't find the letter."

And now we shall not get any sugar plums."

(They rub their knuckles in their eyes and sob a little.)

Father Christmas.—"Cheer up little people! You shall have something sugary when we all get home again but now we must get on with our work." (They cheer up again.)

Father Christmas opens his sack and takes out a doll's cradle, a game, a pin cushion, a ball and a trumpet.)

Father Christmas.—"Here we are—a doll's cradle, a game, a pin cushion, a ball and a trumpet. (He hands the things to the Fairies who put them in the stocking and then stick a flag on the top. As they are doing this a stifled chuckle is heard from behind a curtain.)

The Stocking Fairies.—(Frightened, run and hang on to Father Christmas.)

"What's that Daddy Christmas? Did you hear a funny noise?"

Father Christmas.—(Patting their heads) "It's all right, Don't be frightened. I expect it was the wind outside in the trees."

(He goes over to Mary and bends over her while the Stocking Fairies whisper to each other and point at the curtain.)

Father Christmas.—(Bending over Mary) "Fast asleep—the pretty dear—I hope she will be pleased when she wakes up and finds her presents to-morrow."

Now come along, my people. We must hurry along. There are

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(He begins to creep up the chimney with the Stocking Fairies hanging on to his red coat.)

The Curtain falls.

Mary still asleep in bed.

Enter the Sunshine Fairy, dressed in sparkling yellow with golden curls and a happy little face. She sits round the room and sings:—

"I am the Sunshine Fairy And I look after Mary By night time and by day. I hate to see her weeping, I'm watching when she's sleeping To scare bad spirits away . . . ."

She breaks off when she sees the stocking and runs and peeps in it.

The Sunshine Fairy.—"Mary's Christmas stocking! How lovely—I do hope that Father Christmas has brought her everything that she wants." (A loud chuckle is heard behind the curtain by the window. Sunshine rushes over there, pulls aside the curtain and discovers the Spirit of Mischief, doubled up with laughter.)

"Tis a Spirit of Mischief.—"Ha! ha! ha! what a joke. Mary will be surprised when she wakes up and looks in her stocking."

The Sunshine Fairy.—(Astonished) "What have you been doing, imp? Have you been up to some mischief as usual?"

(She notices the letter sticking out of his pocket and stamps her foot angrily.)

"I see what you have done, you wicked little man. You have stolen Mary's letter so that Father Christmas would not know what she wanted. Give it me at once. I am Mary's guardian fairy and I will not let anything bad happen to her."

The Spirit of Mischief.—"Yes, I know all about that but I am waiting to see what Mary's face is like when she looks in her stocking, and then you shall have the letter to-morrow, Sunshine."

The Sunshine Fairy.—(wringing her hands) "To-morrow—but that will be too late. Mischief, I will give you all my golden curls if you will let me have the letter now."

The Spirit of Mischief.—"I don't want your yellow curls. I like black myself."

The Sunshine Fairy.—(depairingly) "Then I must fight you for it." (She tears a little golden dagger from her belt and rushes at the Spirit of Mischief, whilst he draws his sword. They fight)

Mary.—(half waking up) "What-ever is that noise? I thought that I heard my dear Sunshine's voice. I wonder . . . her voice trails off sleepily and she is fast asleep again.)

The Spirit of Mischief and the Sunshine Fairy who have been hiding behind the curtain and at the foot of the bed rush at one another once more. After a minute the Sunshine Fairy overpowers the Spirit of Mischief. As he lies on the ground she sizes the letter but at that moment he pierces her foot with his sword.

The Sunshine Fairy.—(cries loudly) "Fly-by-Night! Come quickly!"

A tiny fairy enters. She is dressed in brown with big wings. As she comes in the Spirit of Mischief, with an angry look, disappears through the window.

The Sunshine Fairy.—(holding her wounded foot and gasping) "Fly-by-Night, take this letter as quickly as you can to Father Christmas. He cannot be very far away but oh do hurry or the cock will crow and then it will be too late."

Fly-by-Night.—"Yes mistress I will be there in the twinkling of an eye"

The curtain falls, leaving the Sunshine Fairy sitting on the floor, and Mary still asleep.

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## SCENE IX.

Mary's room.—Mary asleep and Sunshine still sitting on the floor holding her foot.

Enter Father Christmas hurriedly, followed by Fly-by-Night.

Father Christmas.—"I hear that there has been a mistake, and that Mary had written to me after all so . . ." (breaking off as he notices the Sunshine Fairy's foot) "But what is the matter you poor little thing?"

The Sunshine Fairy.—(crying a little) "The Spirit of Mischief stuck his sword into my foot Father Christmas and I can't get up."

Father Christmas.—(Kindly) "Dear dear, that's a pity—However I can soon put it right." (He takes a small bottle out of his pocket) "Here is a job for you Fly-by-Night. Rub this well into Sunshine's foot and it will soon heal."

I always carry this with me at Christmas time, because sometimes getting in and out of my sledge in a hurry I knock myself about a bit. And now I must see about this stocking."

(Fly-by-Night kneels down and rubs the Sunshine Fairy's foot while Father Christmas is looking at the stocking.)

Father Christmas.—"Dear me—what terrible mistakes I made—Quite the wrong things. Now here we are—(pulling more toys out of his sack and cramming them into the stocking)—a baby doll, some gardening tools, a battledore and shuttlecock, a skipping rope, some doll's hats, books and a work-basket. Oh dear, dear—I haven't any mustard and cress and there is hardly time to fetch it."

The Sunshine Fairy.—(Jumping up) "That's all right Father Christmas. My foot is quite well now, thanks to your marvelous medicine, and Fly-by-Night can fetch the mustard and cress if you will tell her where to find it."

Father Christmas.—(tearing a leaf out of his book and writing something down) "Give this to my Guardian in Chief at Toyland, Fly-by-Night, and be as quick as ever you can."

Fly-by-Night.—"I will be back almost before you have time to think Father Christmas." (She runs out)

Father Christmas.—"She is a wonderful messenger Sunshine. But tell me, my dear little soul, is your foot really quite all right again?" (The Sunshine Fairy is walking up and down, trying it)

The Sunshine Fairy.—"Yes thank you Father Christmas. It does not hurt at all now." Mary turns over in bed and sighs heavily)

Father Christmas.—(anxiously) "It must be nearly day-break and the child will soon be waking up." He goes to the window—draws aside the curtain and looks out)

Father Christmas.—"Hurry, hurry Fly-by-Night. The cock is standing with his wings out all ready to crow. I must away."

(Fly-by-Night enters with a small parcel—She hands it to Father Christmas who pushes it into the stocking. At that moment the cock crows. Father Christmas, the Sunshine Fairy and Fly-by-Night hurry out. Mary sits up in bed and rubs her eyes sleepily.)

Mary.—"What a noise that old cock makes—I wish . . . . (She suddenly springs out of bed.)

"Why I have just remembered. It is Christmas morning and here is my stocking full of things. How kind Father Christmas is! She pulls the things out. "A work-basket, doll's hats, books, everything that I wanted! And here is a most beautiful doll. Mother, Daddy, see what I have got! Just everything that I wanted!"

(She runs out of the room with her arms full of toys)

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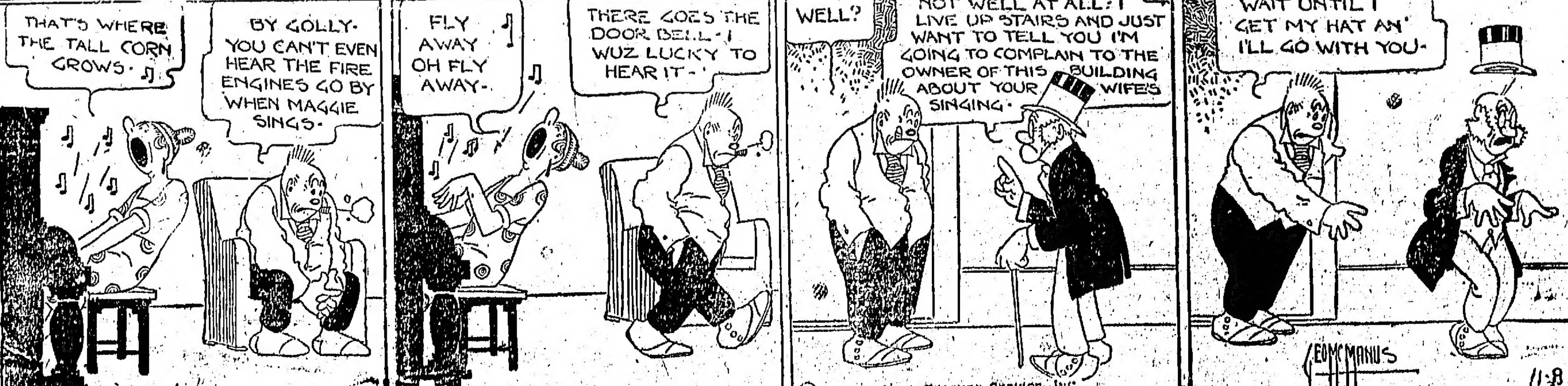
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## CHURCH NOTES: CHRISTMAS DAY.

The most joyful of all our festivals is here. To-day is Christmas Eve and we think of the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph waiting in the Stable of Bethlehem for the events of the sacred night.

Thus it was that Our Lord was born in great humility, and laid in a manger, the beasts of the stall being the lowly witnesses of the First Advent of Christ into the world as God and Man.

The first people to have the news proclaimed to them were the shepherds, to whom appeared the messenger angel and a great multitude of the angelic host, and they came to offer their worship at the Manger Throne.

The beautiful festival of Christmas, being concerned with the birth of Jesus Christ, has come to be recognised as the festival of children, and Christians everywhere are ready to do all they can for the little ones at that time with the Santa Claus presents and parties; and so it is a feast which appeals to us perhaps more than any other, for it not only tells us of the coming of the Son of God into the world to save us, but it takes us back to all the happiness of the Christmases of our childhood days.

The word Christmas is really Christmas and was so called because on that day a mass was celebrated in connection with the birth of Christ. This old word, mass, although not of common usage in the Church of England nowadays, still has its survival in such words as Michaelmas, and it reminds us that Christmas is a special time for Christians to join together in holy and joyful worship at the altar.

Our Prayer Book says that all communicants should make their communications at least three times a year, of which Easter is one—universal custom has made Christmas one of the other times.

Although we remember the Nativity of Christ on December 25th, this is not necessarily the correct day, but that matters little as long as we all celebrate the occasion at the same time. We used to keep Christmas Day on January 6th, and it is still called Old Christmas Day, and some scholars tell us that Christ was born not 1921 years ago but six years more than that.

The Collect and Lessons deal entirely with the coming of Christ to earth as the Babe of Bethlehem, born of the Virgin Mary, truly God and truly man, being born of woman, through the miracle of the operation of the Holy Ghost, by which God was the Father.

For the Gospel, that wonderful introduction from St. John's Gospel is used, by which Christ is shown to be God in human flesh, come to give us power to become true sons of God. "And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."

The term "Word" is used by St. John to show that Our Lord corresponded to the Great One who was expected by Greek philosophers to bridge the distance between God and man. The term Word (Greek Logos) was coined by philosophers of old to represent one who was God and yet able to come down from God so as to become one with man, just as the rays from the sun come down and give life and growth to the world of nature. St. John wrote as a philosopher to philosophers, showing that He Whom their philosophy had taught them would come, really had come, and had now returned to His Father in Heaven to prepare a place for all mankind.

For the first three days after Christmas Day we have festivals which may be linked very closely to the season.

On Monday we commemorate St. Stephen, the first Christian Martyr. Not only is he suitable to remember at Christmas by the fact that he was the first to offer his blood to show his belief that the Holy Babe was truly the Son of God, but also because he preached the passing away of Law and the Temple in the new regime brought about by the advent of Christ to earth.

Saint John the Evangelist, who is commemorated on Tuesday, was the disciple and friend of Our Lord; who has been called "the disciple whom Jesus loved." He has also been called one of the "sons of Thunder," the Seer of Patmos, and the apostle of Love.

He was the writer of the Fourth Gospel and the Revelation, and has become noted as a Christian mystic and deep theologian. Although an active Christian worker and preacher, he probably spent a life of meditation on the revelation of Jesus Christ to the world, and so bequeathed to the world the thoughts of one who took part in the Gospel drama and then realised the truths gradually through his long life in after years.

Evidently he was quite a young man when Our Lord was on earth, but he lived to an old age, suffering

## CHRISTMAS FIXTURES. PLENTY TO DO.

Like the snowballs that will be flying about at home just now the "Christmas" feeling has been growing in intensity as the festive season has approached nearer and nearer and now Hongkong folk, having shut up the desk and pushed back the office chair, are ready to settle down to the business of making the Xmas of 1921 yield a generous measure of good cheer.

There is an attractive round of fixtures this Xmas both outdoor and indoor. There is the triangular cricket tourney which is to extend over the Xmas and New Year holidays, and there are the football fixtures, and the golf competitions at Fanling. For Boxing Day Hongkong Hotel have got a fancy dress dinner dansant on at the new grill and there is to be a special evening dress dance over at the Kowloon Theatre on Tuesday. The kinemas are all offering special Xmas programmes.

thing bringing the true vision and restraining from evil. Then came love in its full maturity, including physical attractions, but with the spiritual as its dominant quality. Love was the most beautiful thing the world had ever seen, and the lover was a seer, his lover's fancy not delusion but oftener true insight. Even friendship partook of the nature of sex, for one friend found in the other the complement of himself. Through the marriage of man and woman was evolved the home, the duties of life and social service and these were the fabric which made life beautiful. Thus the evolution of sex raised life to the highest plane of love and sacrifice, and its consummation was found in communion with the love of God. This was an ideal picture, but not an imaginary one, for it could constantly be seen in the union in the finest and highest of men and women.

The treasurer of St. Peter's Church, Mr. S. Jones, has now returned from home-leave, and both he and his wife have received a warm welcome in church circles.

Mr. H. A. Allen has been acting as treasurer during his absence; the congregation is very thankful to him for his most generous and valuable services, and hopes that he will not entirely relinquish his hold on affairs, but will act conjointly with Mr. Jones in managing the secretarial and treasurer work.

A Confirmation Service was held by the Bishop of Victoria at St. John's Cathedral on Wednesday, St. Thomas' Day.

Before the actual laying-on-of-hands the Bishop gave a most useful address on the meaning of Confirmation, showing that just as the apostles, who were the first bishops, laid their hands in olden days, and were thus instrumental in the bestowing of the gift of the Holy Ghost, so the bishops of to-day are used by God in the giving of the Holy Ghost. Although there is now no outward manifestation such as the gift of tongues, yet that fiery gift is surely within us, after Confirmation, to lead us into all goodness if we will allow ourselves to be guided.

Then the Bishop showed that Christians need in food to sustain them in their life of warfare against evil, and that its fulness could only be obtained by a regular attendance at Holy Communion which was the centre of Christian worship.

Seven candidates were presented to the Bishop by the Cathedral, eleven by St. Peter's Church, five from the Army and two from the Navy.

The season of Christmas tells us of the Incarnation, and so teaches us of the sanctity of Motherhood. Thus it is suitable to remember at this time a well known Christian society of mothers.

At the end of October last a large meeting was held at the Queen's Hall in connection with mother's Union and some fine addresses were given on the subject of Courtship, Marriage and Parenthood. The enthusiasm showed that in spite of the bad effects of the war and the modern age, the aims of the society dealing with the blessedness of motherhood are still cherished as much as ever. One is apt to think, when hearing that the Mother's Union is flourishing as ever, that the recent criticisms dealing with the laxity of the morals of England are rather unfair.

It is rather a pity that there is no branch of the Union here (at least we believe there is none), for such a society helps to form a valuable bond between all who are mothers. There used to be quite a strong branch in Shanghai, led by Lady de Saumarez, and it is probably still as important as ever.

At the Queen's Hall meeting, amongst others, Dr. Douglas White gave a most illuminating lecture on the Spiritual Ideals of Sex, and some of his words are worth while quoting: He said that the common idea of purity was negative, but it was impossible to bring up boys and girls on an authoritative negation. Sex was usually conceived of as something reprehensible, a dark cellar in the house of life, and, as a result, it had been excluded from the spiritual sphere and relegated to the dung hill. He maintained emphatically that sex, fundamental to the human race and to the life of the individual, was the golden key to open the door to all that which was finest in life and that which made life worth living. It showed itself in the growing child, its physical manifestation being the increase of beauty, its moral the blossoming of courage, initiative and self-control in the youth; in the maid, modesty, tenderness, and self-sacrifice, these virtues irradiating the whole being of both with spiritual beauty. Even the early love of the boy and the girl could be a spiritual

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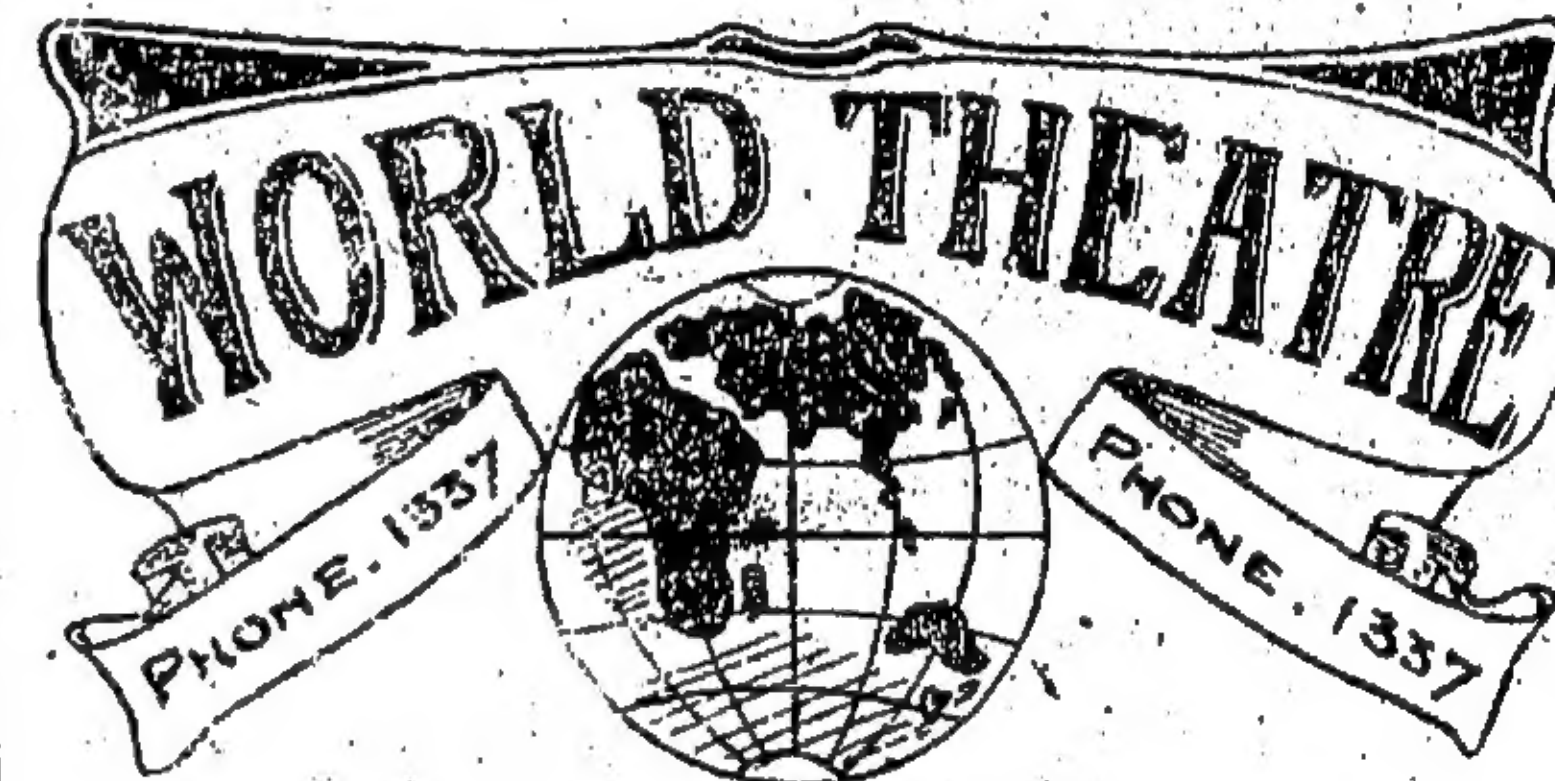
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